which have introduced their own credit cards and the number of credit card holders (bank wise) are given below:—

Name of the Bank	No. of Credit Card holders	As on
Andhra Bank	77,608	31.3.94
Bank of Baroda	1,60,632	30.9.94
Bank of India	33,674	30.9.94
Vijaya Bank	42,176	30.9.94
Canara Bank	2,12,168	30.9.94
Central Bank of India	87,142	30.9.94

(c) and (d) Reserve Bank of India had issued instructions to all scheduled commercial banks in June 1989, inter-alia, emphasising that it may not be advantageous or economical if too many banks introduce credit cards of their own. In case any bank desires to enter into domestic credit card business it would be better for it to have a suitable tie-up arrangement with one of the banks which have already introduced credit card.

Customs Duty on news-print

229. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kalkar Committee and the Estimates Committee had recommended the imposition of Customs duty on standard newsprint;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to impose customs duty on newsprint as per those recommendations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Kelkar Committee in its long-term policy recommendations, inter-alia suggested a move away from the administered pricing and quantitative allocation policy regime by introducing an OGL import facility to all news papers with a tariff rate of 40% with decanalisation. The Estimate Committee einter-alia, endorsed the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee with regard to long-term policy on newsprint.

(c) to (e) In view of the ensuing Union Budget 1995-96, it is not possible to indicate the views of the Government in this matter at this stage.

Master plan for drug control

230. SHRI S. AUSTIN:

SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to National Master Plan for Drug Control (1994-2000) the menace of drugs has posed a serious threat to the country;